



# FIRE SEASON



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During the official fire seasons it shall be unlawful for any person to set fire to, or procure another to set fire to any flammable material capable of spreading fire, located in or within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland, except between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. or when the ground is covered with snow. KRS 149.400.



## DO NOT BURN

**No burning  
between 6 a.m.  
and 6 p.m.**



Higher daytime temperatures dry out the fuels that feed wildfires.



Wind speed picks up during the day and can spread the flames faster.



Humidity drops during the day, drying out the fuels that feed wildfires.



*Why?*



## OKAY TO BURN

**Okay to burn  
between 6 p.m.  
and 6 a.m.**



Temperatures drop at night and fuels won't dry out as fast.



Wind speed drops and is less likely to reignite embers or spread sparks.



Humidity levels rise at night and fuels absorb the moisture.



*Why?*

**If your burn pile starts a wildfire, you may have to pay for the cost of putting it out.**



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Before you burn, find out if any burning restrictions or bans are in effect. Contact your local fire department or:

[www.forestry.ky.gov](http://www.forestry.ky.gov) (800) 866-0555

[www.air.ky.gov](http://www.air.ky.gov) (502) 573-3382



## Don't let your burn pile start a wildfire!



Clear vegetation for 10 feet around your burn pile. Keep your burn pile small and controllable.



Be prepared just in case. Have a source of water (hose or bucket) and a shovel nearby.



Stay with your fire until it is dead out, even at night. Never leave your fire unattended.

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